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For: NETWORK-BASED DETECTION AND
DISPLAY OF PRODUCT
REPLACEMENT INFORMATION

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of January 21, 2003.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 20, 23, 25, 31, 54, and 63, as indicated below.

For examiner convenience, amended claims are presented below, with a clean set of all claims, as amended, provided as appendix A.

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1. (Amended) A method for determining part replacement related information by an end user, comprising:
- obtaining an associated identifier of a first part;
 - automatically coupling by a scanner interface the identifier of the first part to a network enabled browser;
 - automatically ~~connecting~~ retrieving by the browser from over a network ~~connection to a remote database to retrieve~~ replacement related information for the first part;